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REFERENCES

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1. Koethen (A 52/D 95) airfield hangars were closed. No aircraft were seen at the field. There was no flying although visibility was good and there were few clouds. [REDACTED] occupied by air force personnel, drove to the field. No other air force soldiers were seen. Artillery officers were quartered in the fliers' settlement, previously occupied by air force officers. Small caliber artillery ammunition (antitank) was stored in the ammunition dump, where some small bombs were also stored in two cantonment buildings and three shelters.

2. Construction work on the scheduled 1,800-meter runway was in full swing. The runway crossed the blocked Koethen-Edderitz (A 52/D 95) road at Kilometer station 3.5. The taxiway parallel to the railroad spur track and leading from the hangars to the runway was concreted. Four concrete mixers were in operation. Twenty-two cars filled with gravel were being unloaded.

25X1X * [REDACTED] Comment: The [REDACTED] are assigned to air force unit. It is assumed that air force ground units are still stationed in Koethen.

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25X1A *** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: One ground attack regiment and one air reconnaissance regiment were previously assumed to be stationed in Koethen. According to this report both air units were transferred. The transfer of the ground attack regiment was confirmed ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ It is assumed to be stationed now in Stendal. No other information has been received on the transfer of the air reconnaissance regiment but it is known to be still stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The construction work being done in Koethen presumably accounts for the transfers. The reported length of the new runway is considered credible when compared with other reports.

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1 Annex, sketch on ditto: Koethen Airfield.

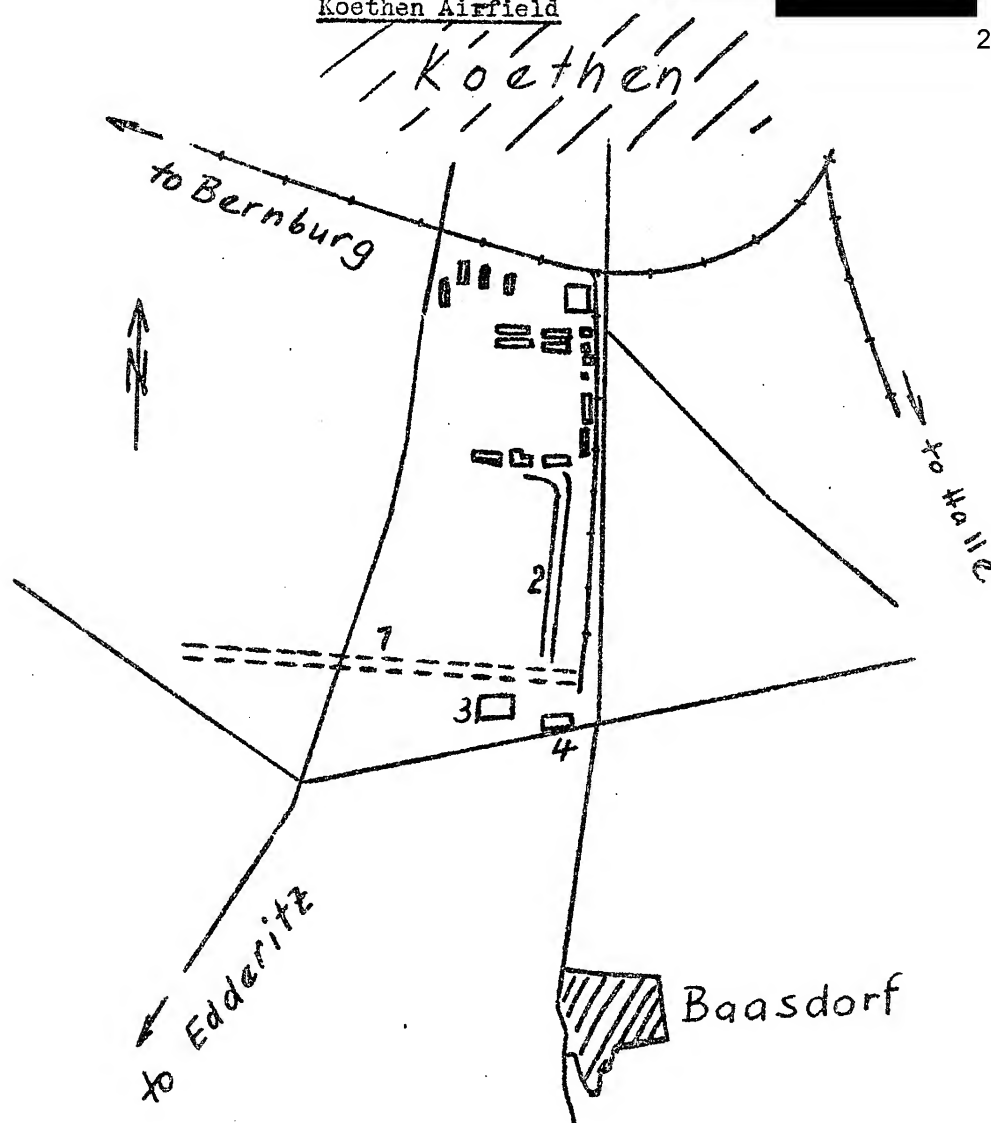
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Annex to [REDACTED]

Koethen Airfield

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Legend:

- 1 - Runway under construction
- 2 - Taxiway
- 3 - Construction site
- 4 - Ammunition dump

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